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TAGS: MOPS, MARR, PINS, UN, RW, ET
SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF UNAMIR'S
ETHIOPIAN BATTALION

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2. AMBASSADOR AND DATT CALLED ON UNAMIR FORCECOM
TOUSIGNANT JUNE 23. AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS REPORTED
SEPTEL, AMBASSADOR RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE
ETHIOPIAN BATTALION WHICH IS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED IN
SECTOR 4C, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF RWANDA AROUND
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CYANGUNGU, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE BUKAVU. TOUSIGNANT REPORTED THAT HE PLANS TO REDUCE THE CURRENT BATTALION-SIZE FORCE TO COMPANY STRENGTH AND MOVE IT IN FROM THE FRONTIER IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE FORCE LIMITATIONS UNDER THE NEW MANDATE. THE ETHIOPIANS, HOWEVER, ARE COUNTERING THAT THEY WILL NOT REMAIN IN RWANDA IF THEIR FORCE IS CUT IN HALF.

3. OTHER NATIONAL UNITS ARE MAKING THE SAME NOISES, INCLUDING THE GHANAIA. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ETHIOPIAN CONTINGENT, HOWEVER, BOTH BECAUSE OF ITS STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RPA IN THIS AREA OF OPERATIONS AND BECAUSE OF THE CRITICAL PIECE OF TERRITORY IT OCCUPIES. SEPTTEL REPORTS THE WIDESPREAD OPINION IN THE CYANGUNGU AREA THAT A CROSS-BORDER ATTACK OF SOME KIND FROM THE EX-FAR IS IMMINENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE ETHIOPIANS TO WITHDRAW.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER INTERVENTION WITH THE ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES TO MODERATE THEIR POSITION ON THEIR PRESENCE IN UNAMIR. RAWSON

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